

WILLIAM TIMOTHY AND SARAH ROOKER TONKS THACKER



William Timothy Thacker was born November 7, 1854, at Darlington, Staffordshire, England, a son of William and Sarah Tonks Thacker. Married Sarah Rooker Tonks on December 7, 1875. She was born December 11, 1848, in England a daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth Rooker Tonks. Sarah died March 14, 1929. William died in November 1949.

William Timothy Thacker was two years old when he came to America with his parents and moved with them to Utah in 1864. While yet very young he carried his father's lunch to him at the shop in Salt Lake where he made nails for the Salt Lake Painter. In the fall they went to glean wheat in the fields, which they threshed with sticks and cleaned by letting it fall from a height so the wind would blow the chaff out.

He went with his parents to Cache Valley and then to Provo. By this time William was learning to drive oxen and when his parents moved to Heber he hauled cord wood to Salt Lake.

They lived in Heber where William T. got a job with Arthur Bradder, cutting stone for the Wasatch Tabernacle. He learned this work quickly and was soon an expert stone-cutter and helped cut stone for all the stone buildings in Heber, including the Court House, the old bank and school buildings.

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They moved to Buysville, which later became part of the Daniel Ward, and here he was head of the YMCA and worked in the Sunday School for many years. He loved to sing and dance and presided over the amusements for some time.

A marital band, the only one outside of Heber, had as members, Fred Thacker and Lash Averett as first; Wilford Nelson, William T. Thacker and Charles Thacker as snare drummers, and John Thacker as bass drummer, who were always on hand at the 4th and 24th of July celebrations at Charles to play string music.

William T. and his wife went to Pleasant View near Provo on March 20, 1919, where they lived until his wife, Sarah, passed away. William then went to live with his children. He died at the home of his daughter, Rose Hansen.

They were the parents of seven children: Sarah, William Raymon, Mary E., Frederick R. L., Rose Nellie May, John M. M., and Maple V. G.